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Applicant:	SPORRE ET AL.	Examiner:	M. PHAM
Serial No.:	10/731,564	Group Art Unit:	1724
Filed:	DECEMBER 8, 2003	Docket No.:	758.1429USU1
Title:	Z-FILTER MEDIA WITH REVERSE-FLOW CLEANING SYSTEMS AND METHODS		

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

Applicant notes that an Information Disclosure Statement was submitted on August 2, 2006. Upon review of the returned Form 1449, it appears that a reference listed under "Other Documents" was inadvertently not initialed. A new Form 1449 listing the reference is herewith provided. It is respectfully submitted that the reference was previously submitted in proper conformance under 37 CFR §1.97. Accordingly, Applicants believe no further fee is required for consideration of this reference.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the Form 1449 with the next communication for completion of Applicants' records.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at 612/371-5340 if any further questions or concerns should arise.



Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

		Copy of Office Action mailed April 11, 2006, concerning related Application No. 11/331,392, 9 pages.

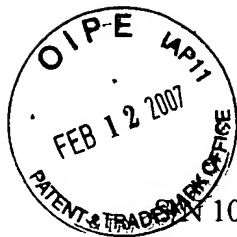
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EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.



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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))**

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). Because this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. Patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

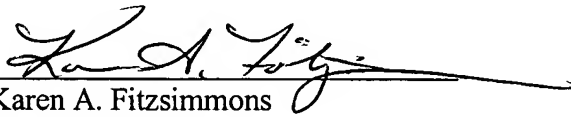
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